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FOR ASST SECRETARY ENDERS (EB) FROM AMBASSADOR MARTIN

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM

SUPPORTING AID TO GVN

REF: SAIGON 0914

1. REFTEL HAS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE SENT BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN VIETNAM TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE US AND THE ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS (APAC).
2. THE PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAM AMERICAN CHAMBER HAS TOLD US THAT WHILE HE HAS A STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM APAC THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INFORMED HIM OF THEIR RELUCTANCE TO ACT ON THE MESSAGE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. OUR LOCAL US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PEOPLE BELIEVE THIS POSITION MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF LEGAL ADVICE.
3. THIS IS ABSURD. THE VIET-NAM AMERICAN CHAMBER'S MESSAGE SUPPORTS A POLICY OF THE US GOVERNMENT JUST RESTATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND, NOTWITHSTANDING DEBATES OVER AMOUNTS, ENDORSED BY THE CONGRESS. THE INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER (MAIN ORGANIZER OF THIS WEEKEND'S SHOW IN WASHINGTON) WHICH LOYALLY PARROTS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HANOI PROPAGANDA LINE SEEMS TO HAVE NO SIMILAR INHIBITIONS BASED

ON THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT.

4. I WONDER IF YOU WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MAKE SOME SORT OF SENSE OUT OF THIS. YOU MAY WISH TO OBSERVE THAT THE AFL-CIO HAD NO PROBLEM IN COMMENTING ON AND MAKING PUBLIC TELEGRAM FROM TRAN QUOC BUU, PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (CVT) WHICH WOULD BE EQUALLY AFFECTED BY ANY REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. MAY THEY HAVE A BETTER, OR AT LEAST A LESS CAUTIOUS LAWYER.
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